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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GAINSBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1944

Caskgate Street,
Gainsborough.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your district.

SECTION A.

The area of the district is 78,598 acres.

The estimated population is 10,460.

The Rateable Value on March 31st, 1944, was £35,399.

The estimated penny rate product for the year ending 31st March, 1945, is £145.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live births	Male	Female	Total
Total	121	103	224
Legitimate	115	97	212
Illegitimate	6	6	12
Still births	5	2	7

The birth rate is 21.41490.

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DEATHS.

Disease.	Male	Female
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	2	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	2
Syphilitic diseases		1
Influenza	1	
Cancer of buccal cavity and uterus	1	2
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	3
Cancer of breast		1
Cancer of all other sites	4	6
Diabetes		1
Intracranial Vascular lesions	2	14
Heart disease	14	16
Other disease of circulatory system	1	2
Bronchitis	2	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum		1
Diarrhœa under 2 years	1	
Other digestive disease		1
Nephritis		2
Other Maternal causes		2
Premature birth	2	2
Congenital malformation, etc.	1	2
Suicide	1	
Other violent causes	1	5
All other causes	13	6
	48	74
Total	122	

The death rate is 11.6630.

No deaths from puerperal causes.

Deaths of infants under 1 years of age:—

	Male	Female
Total	5	6
Legitimate	5	3
Illegitimate		3

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. (a) One part-time Medical Officer of Health.
   (b) One Sanitary Inspector.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities. There is an Emergency Public Health Laboratory in Lincoln which serves the County Council and also the District Council.
   (b) There are District Nurses in several villages.
   (c) Isolation. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to the Urban District Council Isolation Hospital.

SECTION C.

WATER SUPPLY.

This is improving and more of the district is getting the water mains connected up.

10 samples of water were taken for analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Four drains have been examined and repaired.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The only existing premises have been regularly inspected and are free from blame.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. Inspections.

   24 houses inspected during the year. Inspections have only been made where complaints have been received.

2. Defects.

   16 defects were remedied in consequence of informal action.

3. New houses.

   10 new Houses have been built.

SECTION E.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

This is quite good. The County Council frequently collects samples for testing. The results on the whole are satisfactory.

No. of milk shops and dairies on the register	267
Inspections	all new registrations
No. of cowsheds	259
Contraventions of regulations	nil

(b) MEAT.

There are 18 slaughterhouses on the register.

SECTION F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE DURING 1944.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	16	11	nil
Diphtheria	1	1	nil
Puerperal pyrexia	24	16	nil
Erysipelas	3	nil	nil
Measles	5	nil	nil
Whooping Cough	27	nil	nil
Pneumonia	1	nil	nil
Poliomyelitis	2	1	nil

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Quite a high percentage of the juvenile population is now protected.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases notified and mortality during 1944.

Age Period.	New Cases. Respiratory. Male.	New Cases. Respiratory. Female.	New Cases. Non-Respiratory. Male.	New Cases. Non-Respiratory. Female.	Deaths. Respiratory. Male.	Deaths. Respiratory. Female.	Deaths. Non-Respiratory. Male.	Deaths. Non-Respiratory. Female.
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5 „	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
15 „	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
25 „	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	...
35 „	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
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65+ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	8	...	2	2	2	3	...	..

Your Sanitary Inspector, as always, has been my great help.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. B. WILLOUGHBY SMITH,

M.O.H.